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Dear Sir:

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In response to the Official Action mailed April 21, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the Claims in view of the this reply.

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Newly Added Claim 33

Claim 33, support for which can be found in the specification, has been added to more distinctly point out and claim the present invention. Specifically, Claim 33 recites capturing data associated with a transaction by evaluating the data flowing between a server and a client and capturing data associated with the transaction as it passes between the client and server.

After reviewing the cited portions of Wang and Clarin, Applicant does not believe that either of these references discloses capturing the data associated with the transaction as it passes between the server and client. Accordingly, allowance of Claim 33 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. Other than as explicitly set forth above, this reply does not include an acquiescence to statements, assertions, assumptions, conclusions, or any combination thereof in the Office Action. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 1-33. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below for prompt action in the event any issues remain.

The Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3183 of Sprinkle IP Law Group.

Respectfully submitted,

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